

Welcome to Central United Methodist Church  
**Christmas Eve Service**

**December 24, 2011**  
4:30 p.m. service

*\*We stand to praise God*

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC      “O Holy Night”      arr. Whitworth

WELCOME

Welcome to this family Christmas Eve service. It is a time when we can gather in worship to remember and re-live the coming of Jesus, who became our Savior. May our being together and worshipping together this evening be a blessing to you, to your family, and to those whose lives touch yours.

PRELUDE      “God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen”      McChesney  
*Festivo Ringers*

INTROIT      “The Baby Savior Jesus”  
*New Testament Choir*

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH      The Gannon Family

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Out of the busyness of our worlds,

**People: Out of our “life as usual,”**

Leader: The birth of a baby calls us to something special.

**People: May our worship be our new beginning!**

\*CAROL      “O Come All Ye Faithful”      UMH #234  
(vv. 1, 3, 4, 6)

SCRIPTURE      Isaiah 9:2-7

ANTHEM      “Glory to God”  
*New Testament Choir*

\*CAROL      “O Little Town of Bethlehem”      UMH #230

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven: hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY      “Go Tell It on the Mountain”      Howland  
*Festivo Ringers*

\*DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE CHRISTMAS STORY

From Luke Chapter 2 and Matthew Chapter 2

Readers:      Hannah Barnum      Carlie Gannon  
                 Sarah Barnum      Dylan Whitney  
Joseph & Mary:      Lillie Gannon      Laura Beach

ANTHEM      “Away in a Manger”  
*Cherub Choir*

\*SERVICE OF LIGHT

*Please tip your unlighted candle to receive the light of Christ.*

\*CAROL      “Silent Night, Holy Night”      *candles are lighted* (see insert)

\*BENEDICTION

\*CAROL      “Joy to the World”      *candles are raised* (see insert)

\*POSTLUDE      “Joy to the World”      Gordon Young

*A portion of tonight's offering will be given to local flood relief.*

**Volunteers are needed to deliver poinsettia plants to shut-ins following the 10:30 Christmas Eve Service. Names and addresses are available with each plant. Plants should be delivered by December 30<sup>th</sup>.**

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| Liturgist:                 | Tom Hall                  |
| Greeters (inside):         | Central Youth             |
| Ushers:                    | Team 1                    |
| Greeters (outside):        |                           |
| Education Wing Entrance:   | Charlotte & Roger Shults  |
| Nanticoke Street Entrance: | Robin & Bob Devine family |
| Union Street Entrance:     | Karen Moffitt             |

## **Sunday Worship**

8:30 a.m. - Informal Service

11:00 a.m. - Full Service

Child care provided

10:00 a.m. - Worship on December 25 & January 1

### **Central's Staff**

|                          |                           |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| PASTOR                   | Rev. Mark B. Marino       |
| EDUCATION DIRECTOR       | Erica Heier               |
| CHANCEL CHOIR DIRECTOR   | Heather Worden            |
| BELL CHOIR DIRECTOR      | Denise Johnson            |
| ORGANIST                 | Tat Baine                 |
| ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY | Pat Breneman              |
| TREASURER                | Larry Jackson             |
| CUSTODIAN                | Vito Longo                |
| PARISH VISITORS          | Carole James, Nancy Jones |